

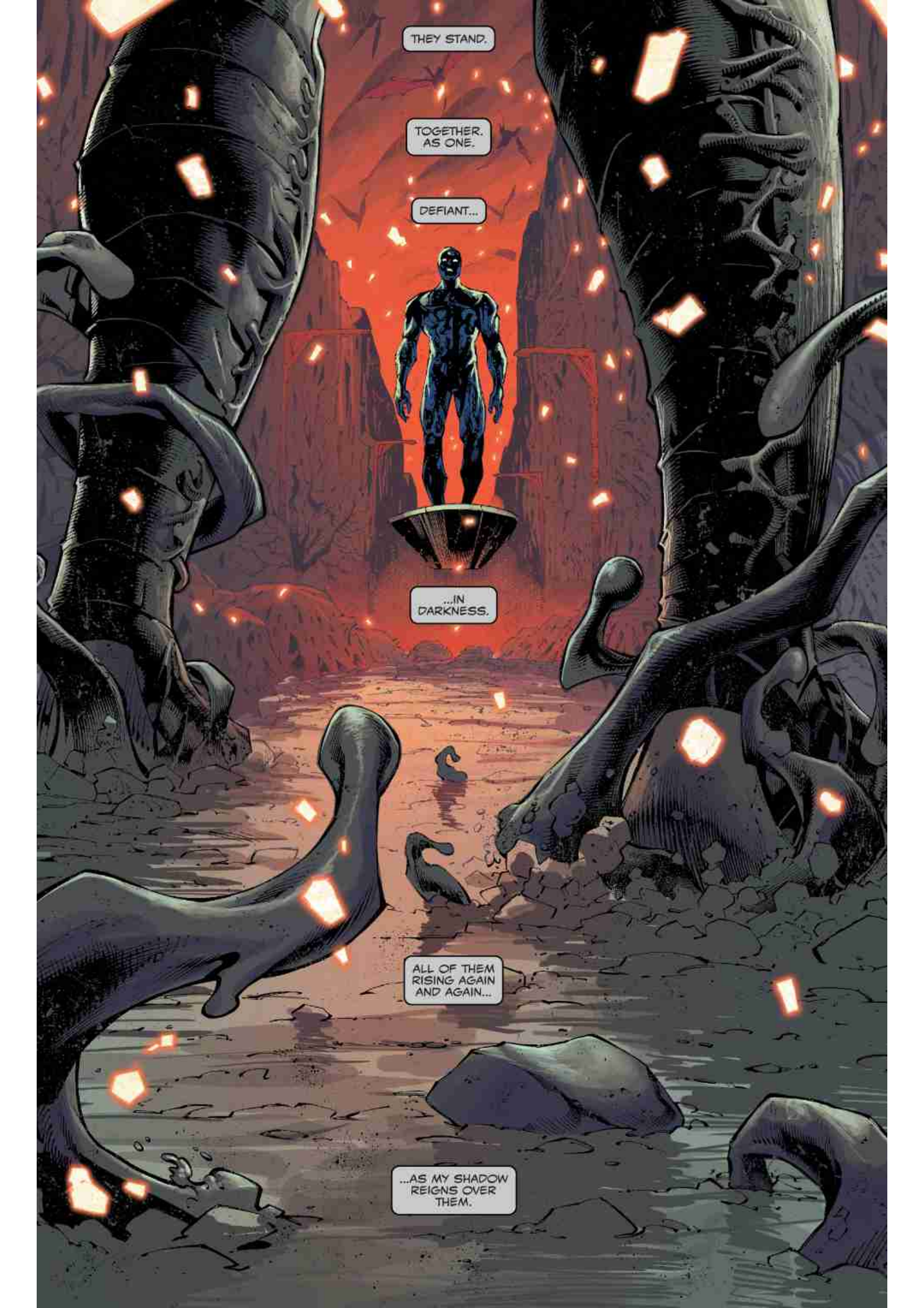
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**CATES
STEGMAN
MAYER
MARTIN**

KING IN BLACK





THEY STAND.

TOGETHER.
AS ONE.

DEFIANT...

...IN
DARKNESS.

ALL OF THEM
RISING AGAIN
AND AGAIN...

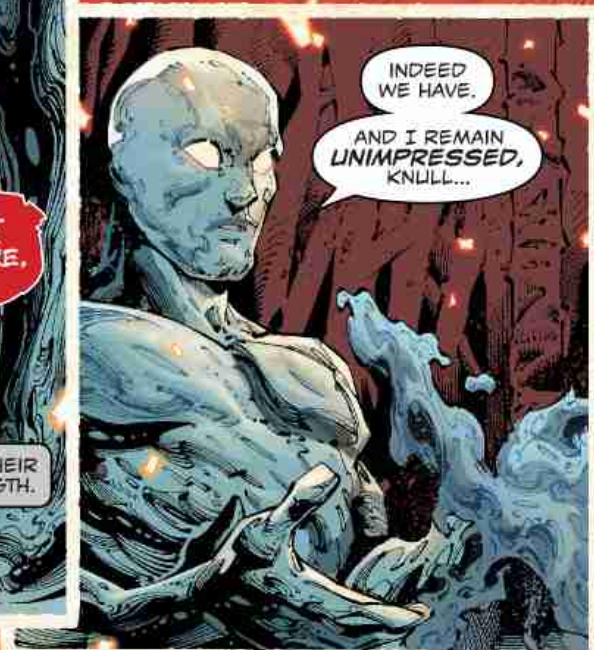
...AS MY SHADOW
REIGNS OVER
THEM.



I CAN
FEEL
THEM.

YOU...
SURFER...
WE HAVE
MET BEFORE,
YES?

FEEL THEIR
STRENGTH.



INDEED
WE HAVE,
AND I REMAIN
UNIMPRESSED,
KNULL...



THEIR
LIGHT...

THERE IS
ANOTHER NOW.
A GOD OF
LIGHT.

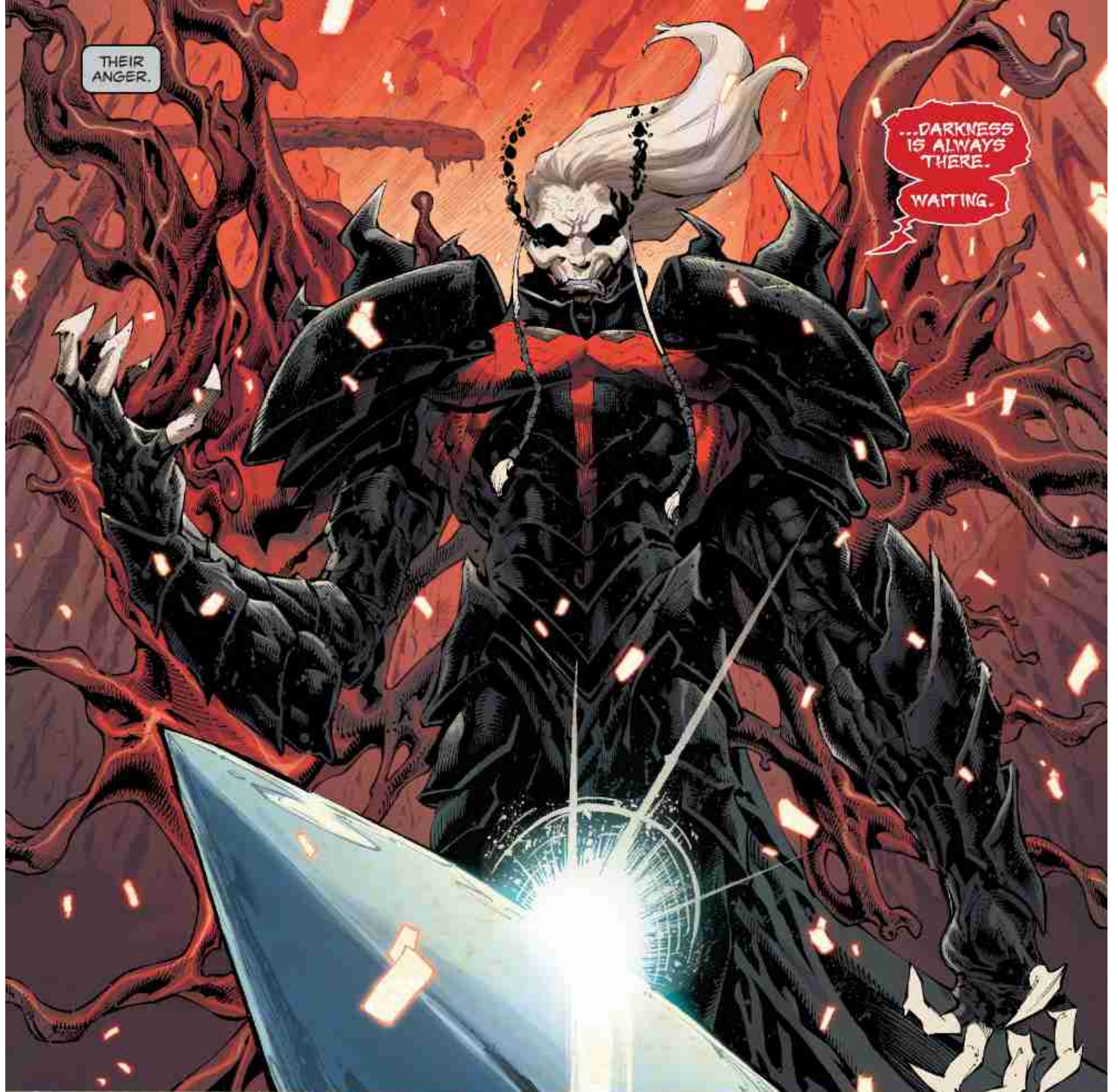


SHING

YES.
SO I HAVE
HEARD.

BUT YOU,
ABOVE ALL, SHOULD
REMEMBER...

...NO
MATTER HOW
FAST LIGHT
TRAVELS...



THEIR
ANGER.

...DARKNESS
IS ALWAYS
THERE.
WAITING.



IN A
WAY...I
ADMIRE YOU,
LITTLE
LIGHT.



I WILL REMEMBER
YOU. YOU WILL
DIE A NOBLE
DEATH...

THEIR
FEAR.



THEIR
CERTAINTY...

PERHAPS...



...BUT I SHALL NOT FACE IT ALONE.

AVENGERS!

ASSEMBLE!

...THAT THEY WILL LOSE.

BWOOOM

BUT THEY ARE WRONG.
BECAUSE WE ARE STRONGER WHEN WE ARE TOGETHER.

I APPRECIATE THE ASSISTS, FELLAS...

AND I'M
BACK.

...BUT WE'LL
TAKE IT FROM
HERE.

EDDIE...?

SO...

...THIS
IS IT,
THEN.

THE GREAT
GOD OF THE
LIGHT HAS CHOSEN
A HOST THAT I
HAVE KILLED...HOW
MANY TIMES
NOW?

IS THIS MEANT
TO...SCARE
ME?

HONESTLY...
YOU CAN'T
POSSIBLY BELIEVE
THAT YOU CAN
BEAT--

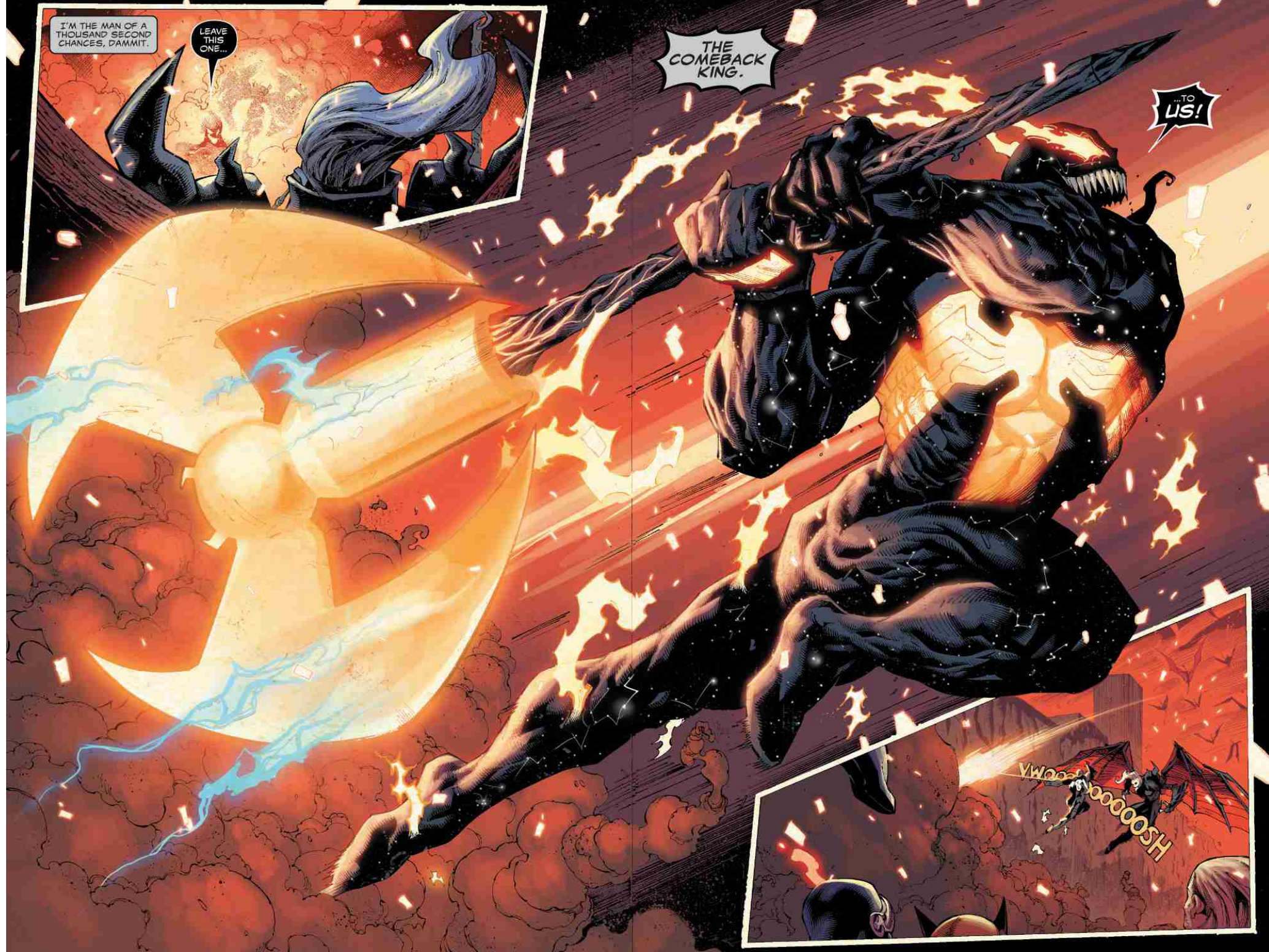


I'M THE MAN OF A
THOUSAND SECOND
CHANCES, DAMMIT.

LEAVE
THIS
ONE...

THE
COMEBACK
KING.

...TO
US!



KNULL, THE GOD OF THE SYMBIOTES, HAS COVERED EARTH IN A SYMBIOTE DOME AND MURDERED **EDDIE BROCK**, A.K.A. VENOM.

AS THE PERSON ON EARTH WITH THE MOST INSIGHT INTO KNULL'S MOTIVES AND A UNIQUE ABILITY TO TAP INTO THE SYMBIOTE HIVEMIND, EDDIE'S DEATH LEFT THE HEROES OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE REELING.

STILL JUST AS CAPABLE AS ANYTHING KNULL HAS FACED IN HIS MILLENNIA-LONG LIFETIME, THOUGH, **THE AVENGERS**, **X-MEN**, **FANTASTIC FOUR**, **DOCTOR STRANGE** AND OTHERS BANDED TOGETHER AND LAUNCHED AN ALL-OUT ASSAULT ON THE GOD-KING OF THE SYMBIOTES AND HAVE LEARNED THAT THERE IS A COSMIC EQUAL TO KNULL'S COMMAND OF THE ABYSS.

AN ENTITY BORN OF LIGHT THAT TRAVERSES THE COSMOS AND CHOOSES A SINGULAR CHAMPION, OR HOST, TO IMBUE WITH INCREDIBLE COSMIC ABILITIES, OR BOND TO:

THE ENIGMA FORCE.

WHICH HAS, CONVENIENTLY, BEEN BROUGHT TO EARTH BY **THE SILVER SURFER**, AND FOUND EDDIE BROCK'S LIFELESS CORPSE...

KING IN BLACK

CHAPTER FIVE DAWN

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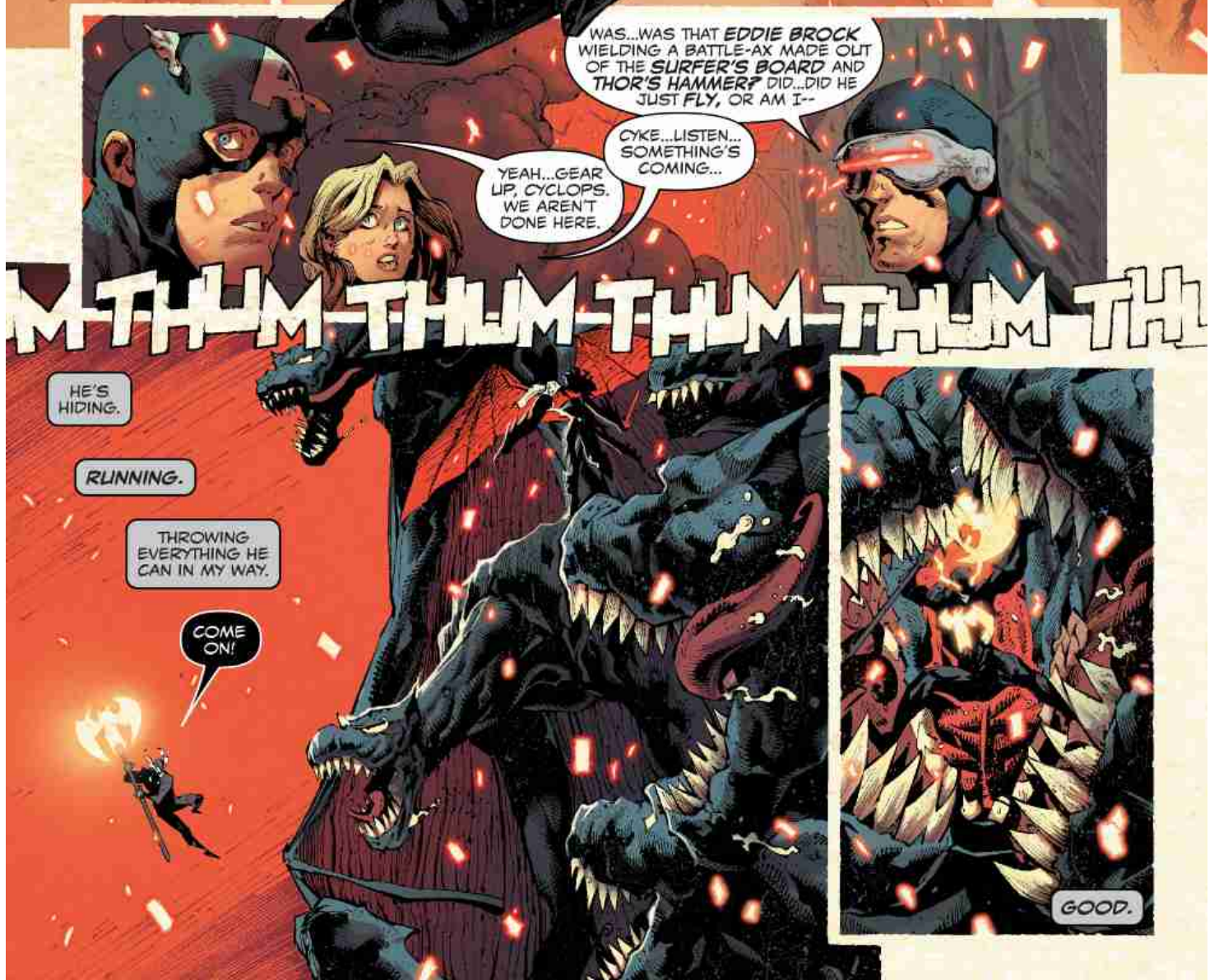
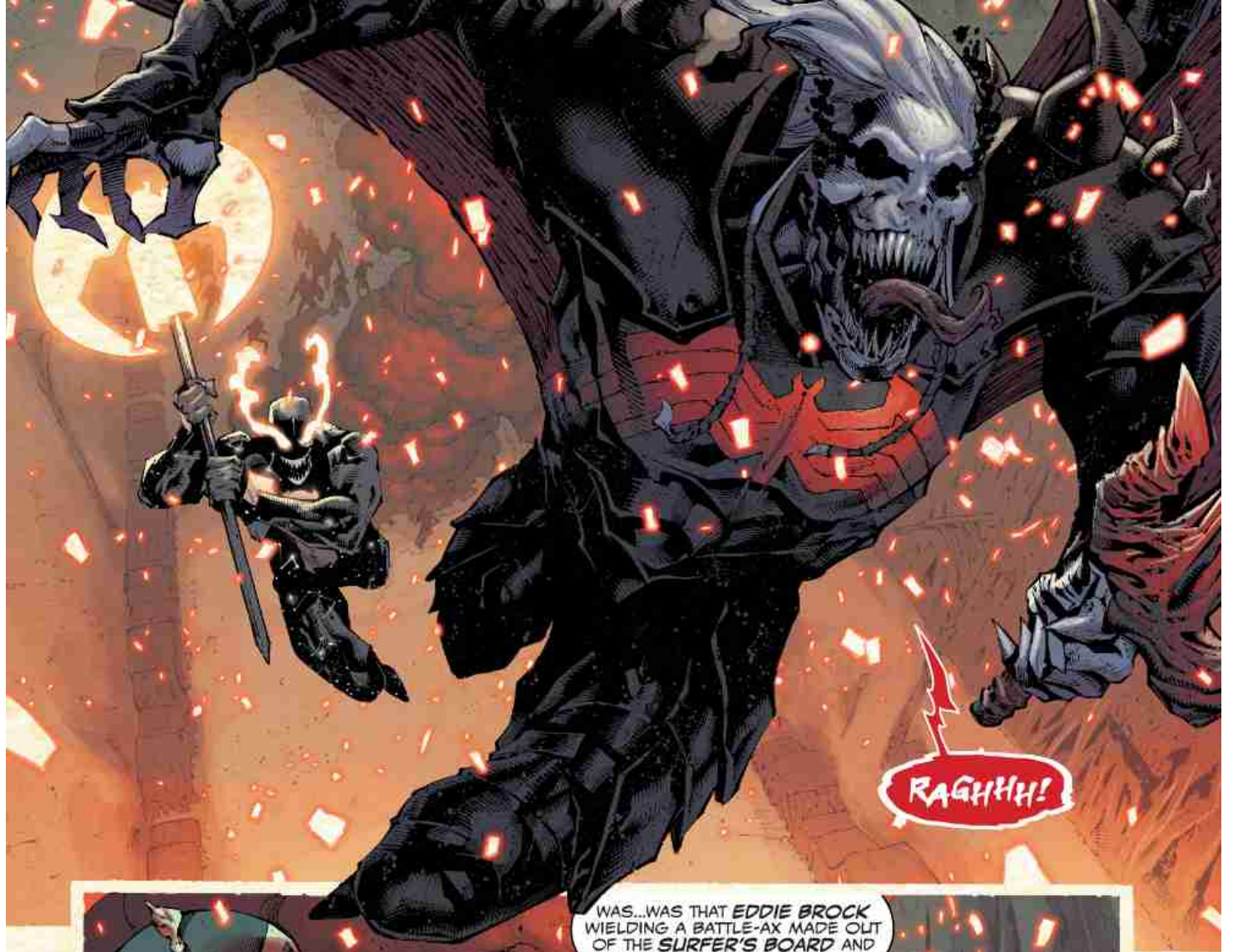
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WAS...WAS THAT EDDIE BROCK
WIELDING A BATTLE-AX MADE OUT
OF THE SURFER'S BOARD AND
THOR'S HAMMER? DID...DID HE
JUST FLY, OR AM I--

CYKE...LISTEN...
SOMETHING'S
COMING...

YEAH...GEAR
UP, CYCLOPS.
WE AREN'T
DONE HERE.

M-THUM-THUM-THUM-THUM-TIH

HE'S
HIDING.

RUNNING.

THROWING
EVERYTHING HE
CAN IN MY WAY.

COME
ON!



GOOD.



BECAUSE FOR
THE FIRST
TIME IN A
LONG TIME...

...WE'RE
HAVING
FUN.

GAME FACES,
EVERYONE!

WE HAVE
INCOMING!

THUM THUM THUM THUM THUM

STOP
HIDING!

COME
OUT AND END
THIS, YOU--

YOU
WANT
YOUR END,
LITTLE
HOST?!

SPAK

THEN LET
ALL-BLACK BE
YOUR--

NO.



KABASH!

YOU WANTED DARKNESS?!



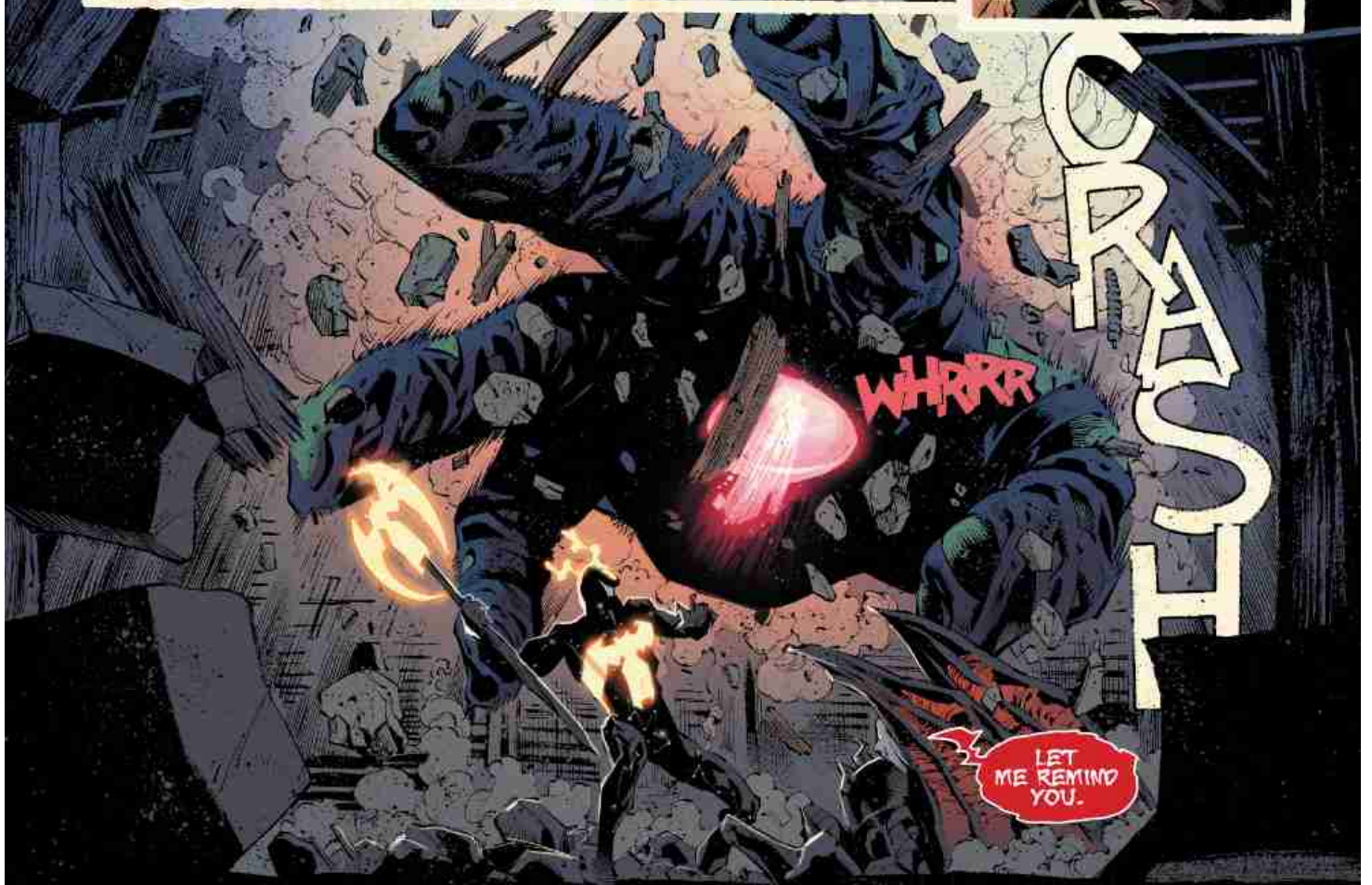
I HOPE
YOU ENJOY
IT, YOU
SON OF
A--



HEH. YOU KNOW
NOTHING OF THE
DARKNESS.



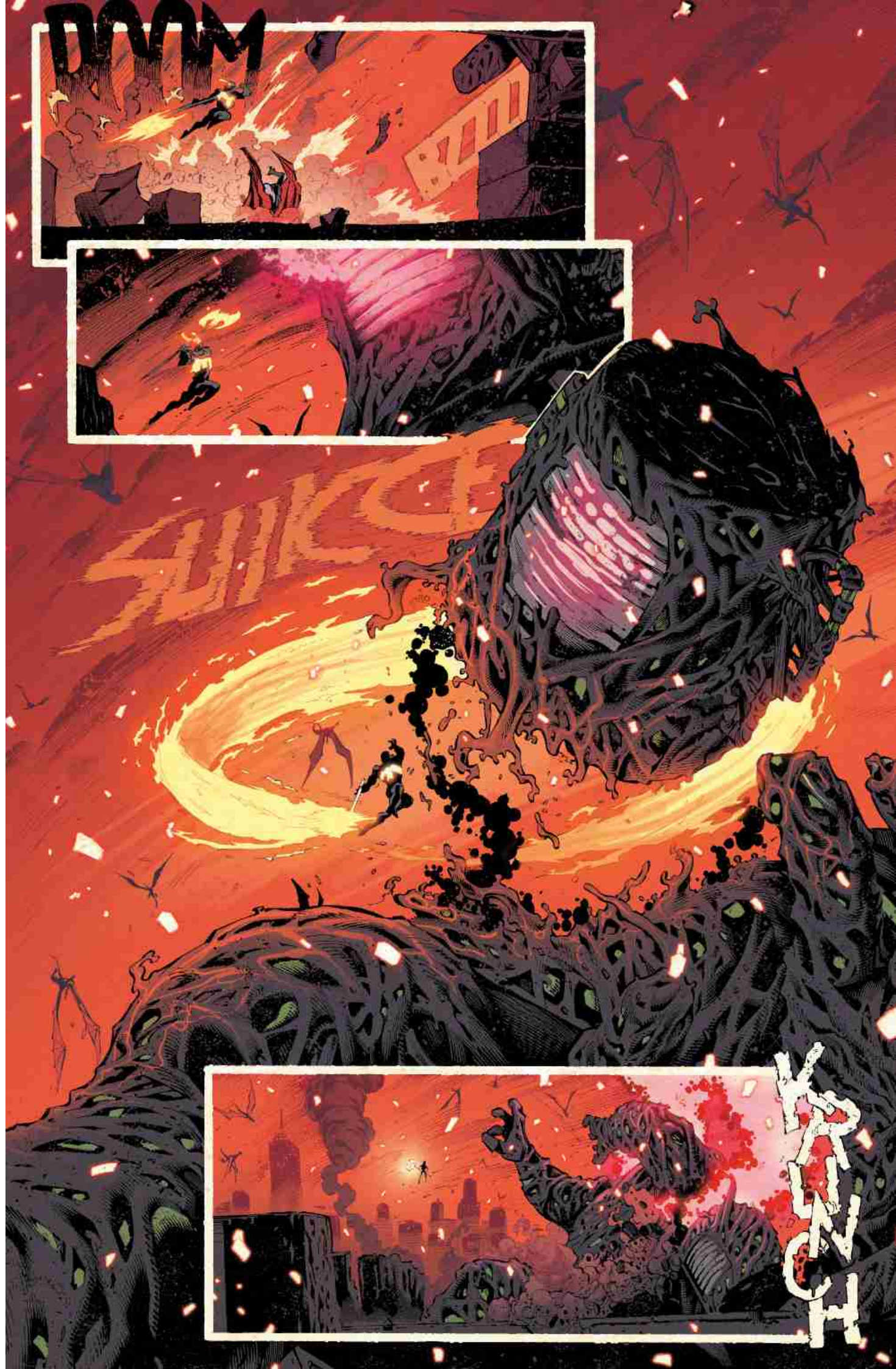
THE
CELESTIAL!
IT MOVES!
EVERYONE,
QUICKLY--



CRASH!

WHRRR

LET
ME REMIND
YOU.



I DON'T NEED A REMINDER.

WHOA!
SORRY, JUST...
YOU KNOW...

...FIGHTING
DRAGONS OVER
HERE.

MAN...

...I HATE
THIS SYMBIOTE
STUFF.

I REMEMBER
WHEN YOU DRAGGED
ME UP HERE FROM
THE SEWERS.

ALL THE
PAIN, THE FEAR.
THE AGONY AS YOU
RIPPED MY OTHER
FROM ME.

YOU--YOU
CAN'T--

HELL



I
REMEMBER
ALL OF IT.



HAK

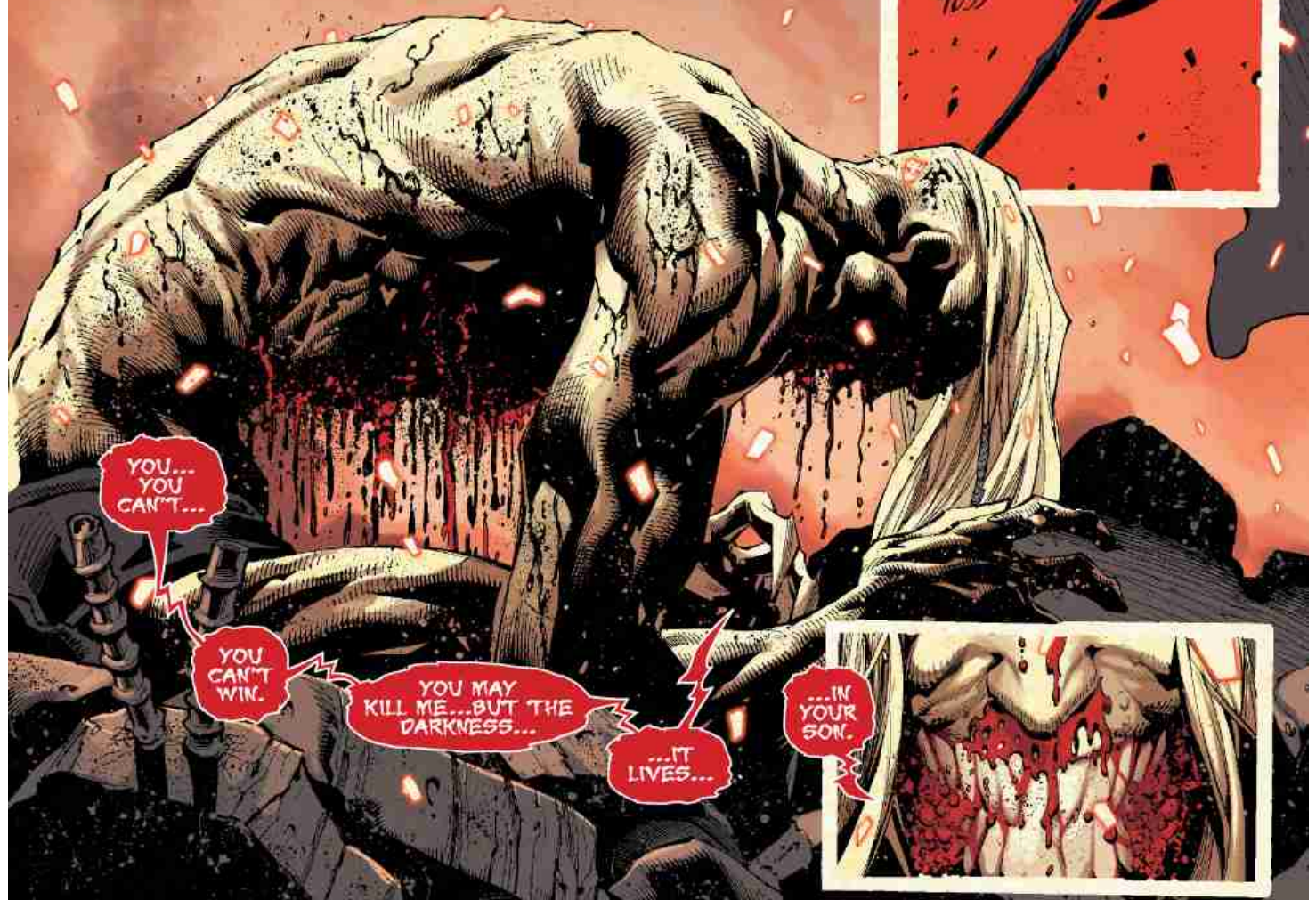
FAGH!
H/H!



BUT DO
YOU KNOW WHAT
I REMEMBER THE
MOST?

I REMEMBER
FEELING
HOPELESS.
HELPLESS.

I
REMEMBER
FALLING.



YOU...
YOU CAN'T...

YOU CAN'T
WIN.

YOU MAY
KILL ME...BUT THE
DARKNESS...

...IT
LIVES...

...IN
YOUR
SON.



WE AREN'T
DONE.

GET UP.

TOSS



YOU WANT
TO TALK ABOUT
MY SON?!

SNATCH

LET'S GO
TALK.



YOU...YOU WILL NEVER
BE FREE OF ME...

THE
VOID...IT IS
ETERNAL...



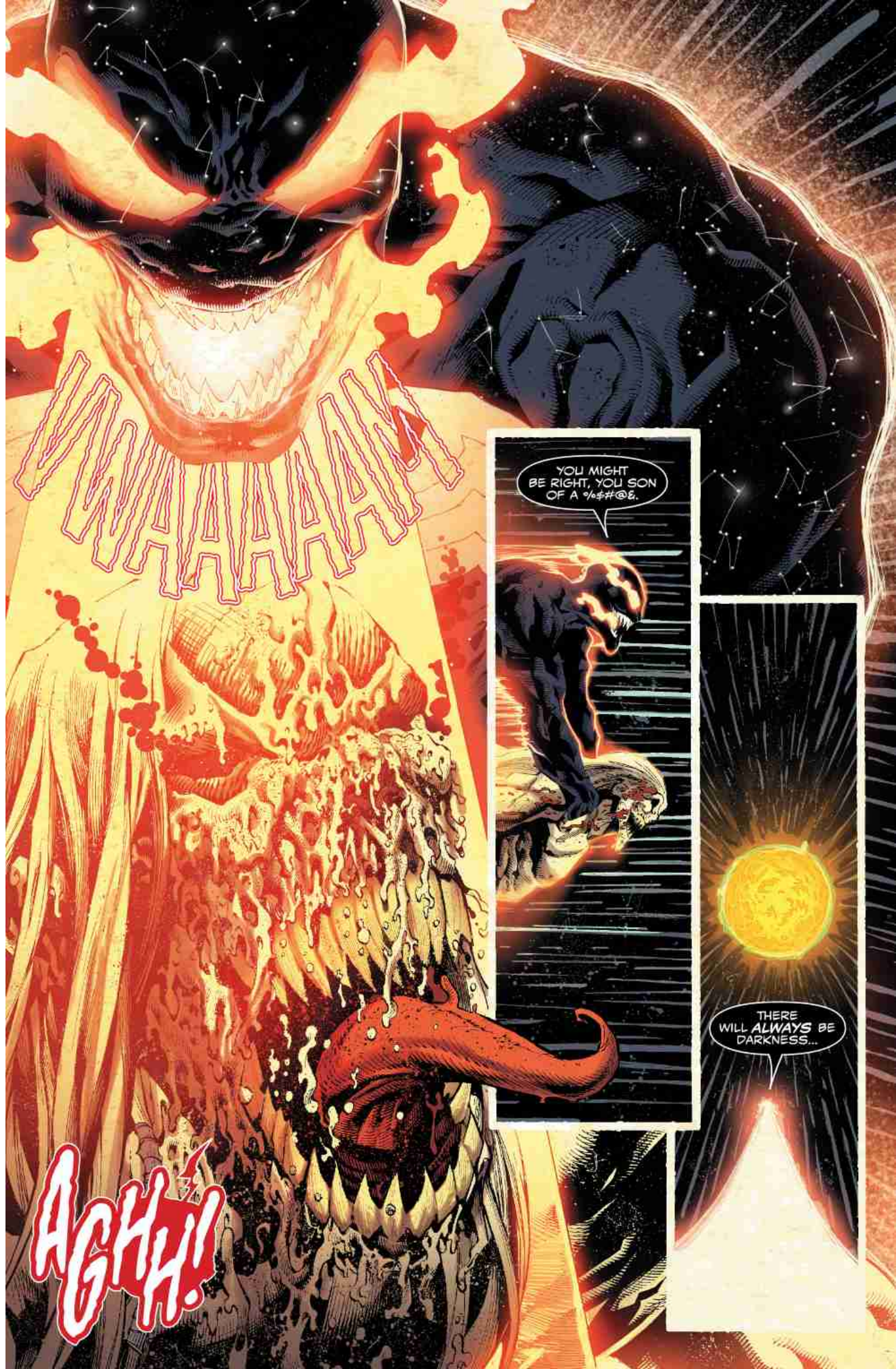
THE
DARKNESS
HAS TEETH,
CHILD.



YEAH?



SO DO
WE.



WAAAAAAAAA



YOU MIGHT
BE RIGHT, YOU SON
OF A %\$#@&.



THERE
WILL ALWAYS BE
DARKNESS...

AGH!!

WE MIGHT ALL
BE SWALLOWED
BY IT.

WE
MAY ALL
LOSE.

WE MAY
ALL BE CONSUMED
BY THE VOID...

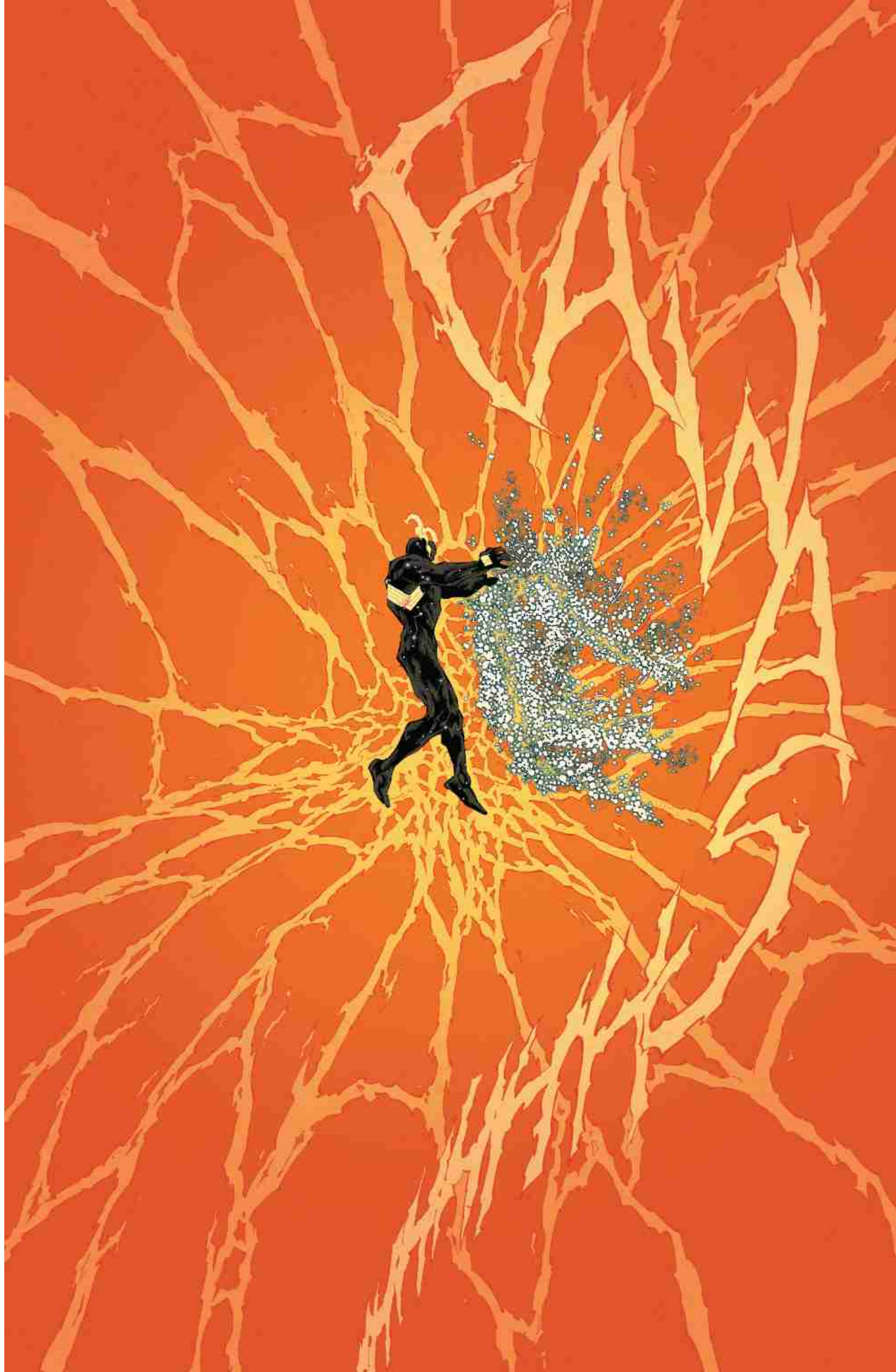
...DOOMED
TO DROWN IN
YOUR KINGDOM
OF BLACK.

BUT...
I DON'T
CARE.

AGHHH!

THIS...

THIS
IS FOR
DYLAN.





EDWARD...
DO YOU
FEEL IT?



I... YES.
IT'S...
VOICES...

...CALLING TO ME,
BUT...BUT I CAN'T... I
DON'T UNDERSTAND...



YOU'VE
DONE IT.

THEY ARE
SINGING TO
YOU, EDWARD...



KNILL...



HE IS
GONE...



HIS
HIVE...

THEY
ARE...

...THEY ARE
FREE.

VICTORY! FINALLY,
OUR NATION SHALL
BE RECOGNIZED FOR THE
NOBLE STATE THAT IT IS!
HAIL CHERNOBYL!
HAIL DRACULA!

DID YOU
REALLY THINK
WE WOULD LET
YOU WALK AWAY,
DAY WALKER?!

HONESTLY?
I WAS KINDA
HOPING YOU
WOULDN'T.



BLADE! COME
IN. DO YOU NEED
BACKUP?!



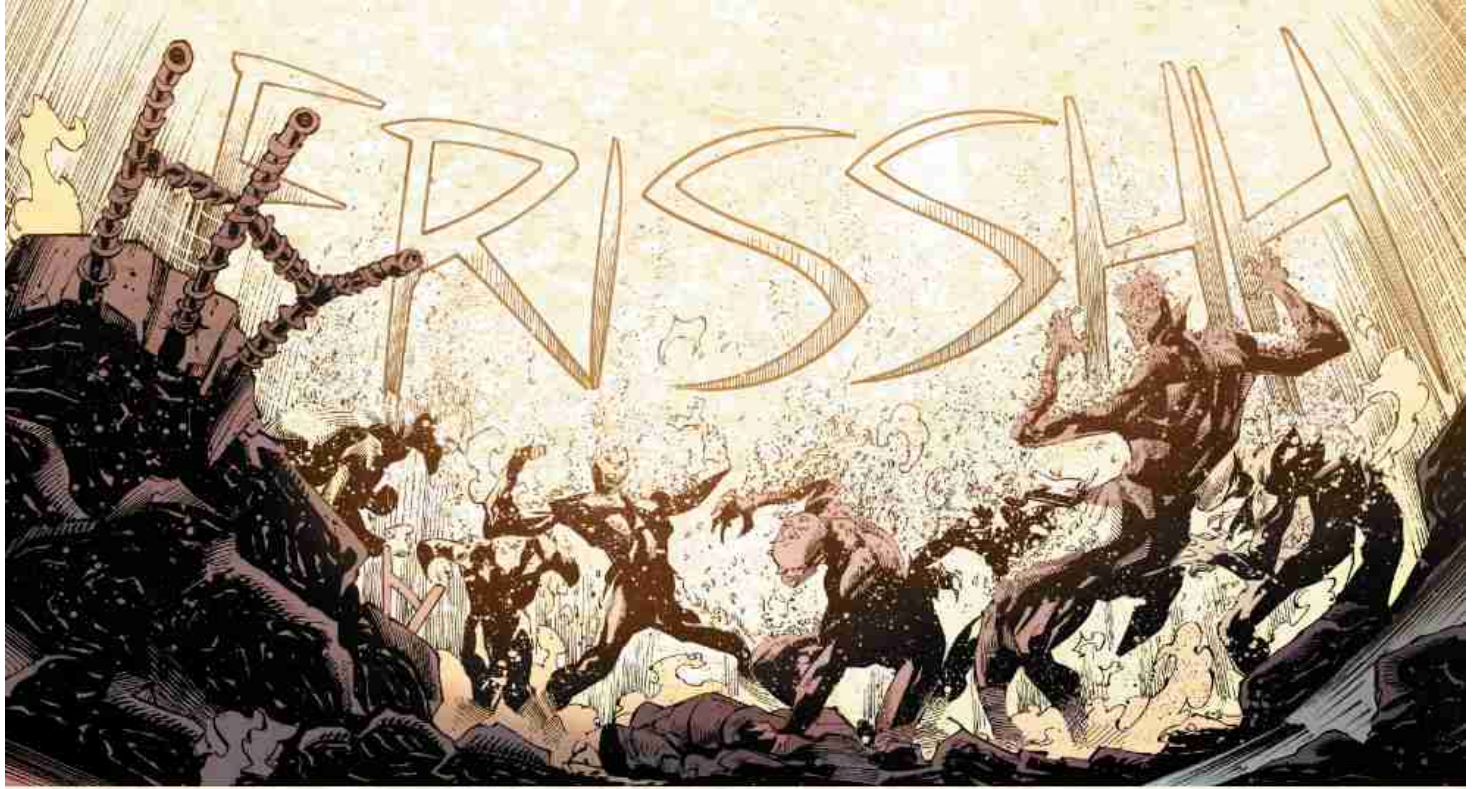
NAH. I'M
GOOD.

HEH...GOOD,
EH? TELL ME...
WHAT DO YOU
KNOW THAT WE
DO NOT?

WHY?

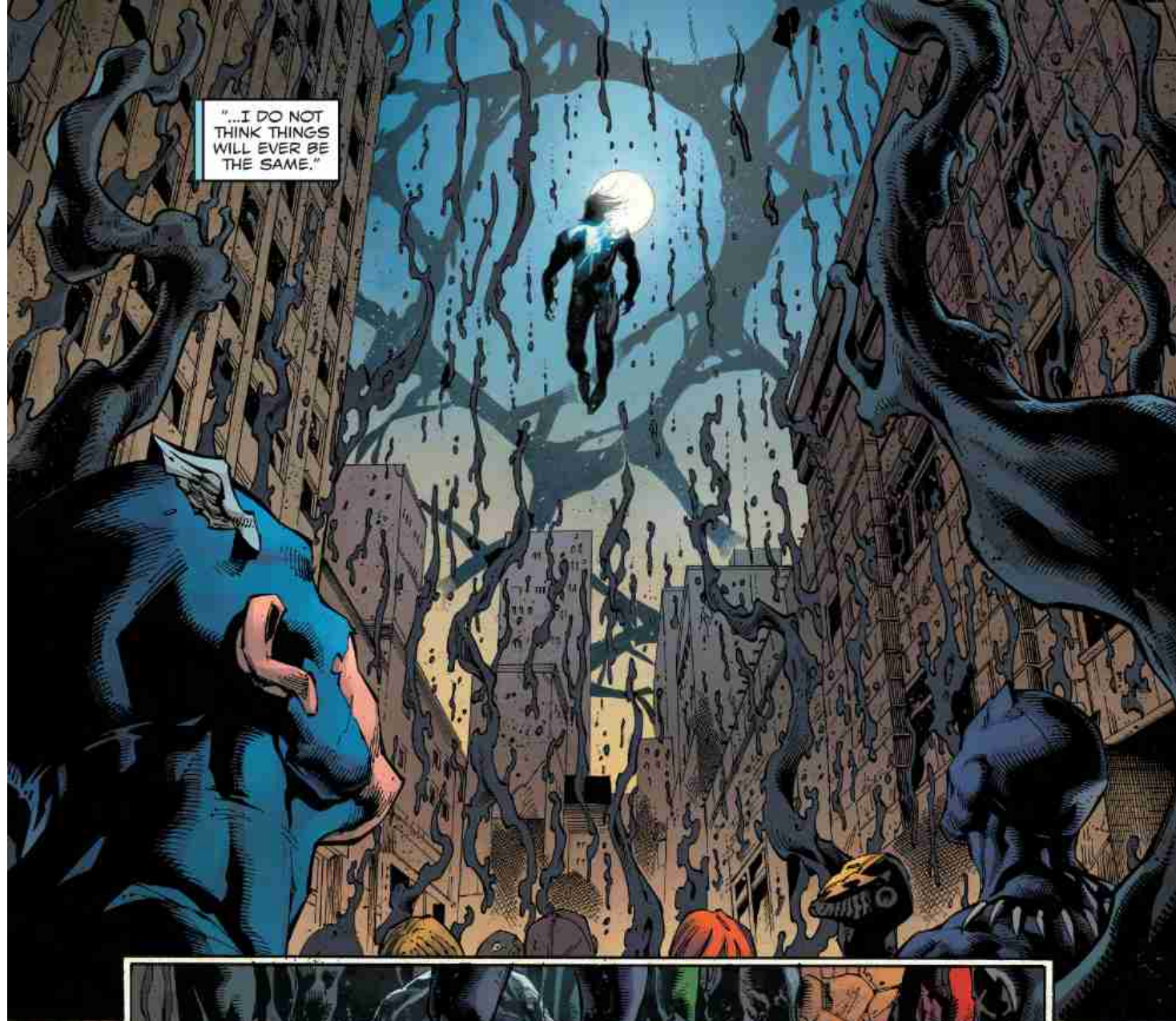


WHAT
DO I
KNOW?



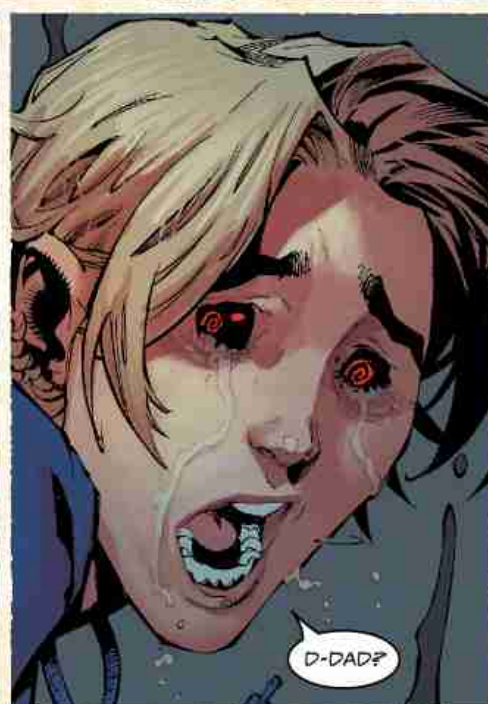


"...I DO NOT
THINK THINGS
WILL EVER BE
THE SAME."



EDDIE...
IS...
IS THAT REALLY
YOU?







NOW...YOU
HAVE TO LISTEN
TO ME, OKAY? I
LOVE YOU.

YOU'RE
GOING TO BE
OKAY.

IT--IT
HURTS...INSIDE
ME... IT...



I'M STILL...
I HAVE A PIECE
OF HIM...AND--
AND I...

I CAN
FEEL HIM...
BURNING...



I KNOW,
SON.



TRY TO
BREATHE.



THIS IS
GOING TO
HURT.



WAIT...
WHAT--WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

YOU HAVE
DONE WELL,
EDWARD.

BUT I MUST LEAVE
YOU. YOU DO NOT
NEED THE LIGHT
TO PROTECT YOU.

NOT
ANYMORE.

BUT...I DON'T
UNDERSTAND! HOW
WILL I--

YOU HAVE A
NEW ROLE NOW,
EDWARD.

YOU HAVE
BECOME...
SOMETHING
ELSE.

SOMETHING
NEW.

EDDIE.
CAN YOU
HEAR ME?

I FOUND
YOU.

CAN YOU FEEL
IT, EDDIE?

CAN YOU FEEL
WHAT HAS
HAPPENED?!

DAD! DAD,
ARE YOU OKAY?!
WHAT'S--

YES. I CAN
HEAR YOU!

EDDIE...
WHAT IS
THIS?!

IT'S
OKAY.

I CAN...I CAN
HEAR THEM...

WE'RE
OKAY.

STAY HERE.
I'LL...WE'LL BE
RIGHT BACK,
SON.

...I CAN HEAR
THEM ALL.

THE HIVE...
BUT I CAN'T...
I CAN'T
UNDERSTAND
THEM.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
WHAT...WHAT IS
GOING ON? WHY ARE
THE SYMBIOTES
CHASING HIM
LIKE THAT?

I...I DON'T
THINK THEY ARE...

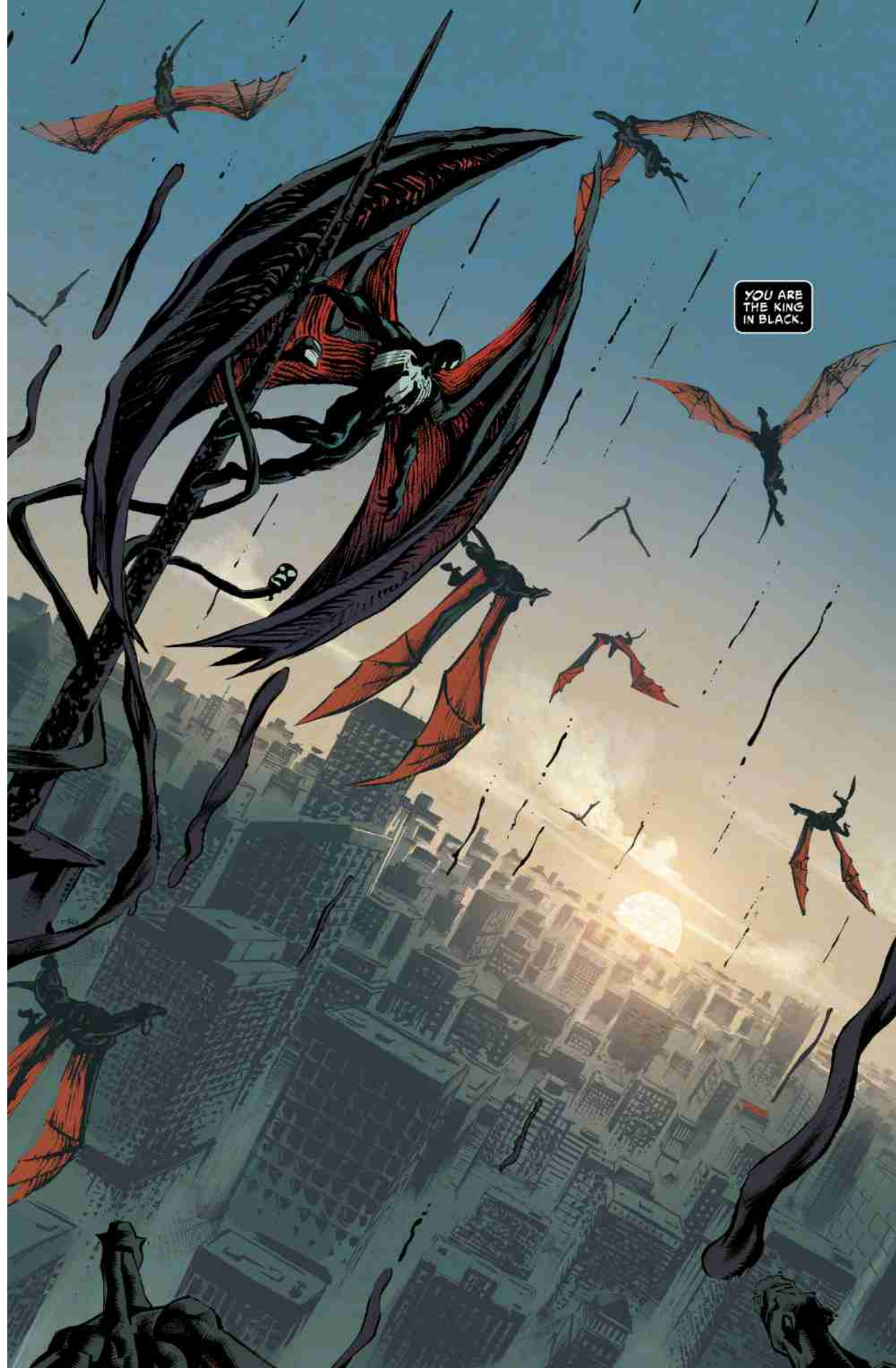
THEY ARE
SPEAKING TO YOU
IN OUR ANCIENT
TONGUE, EDDIE.

BECAUSE
YOU...YOU
DEFEATED
THE VOID.

YOU FREED
OUR KIND.

YOU ARE THE
HIVE MIND
NOW...EDDIE...

...YOU...ARE THE
GOD OF THE
SYMBIOTES...



YOU ARE
THE KING
IN BLACK.

KNULL'S CLUBHOUSE

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THERE YOU HAVE IT, FOLKS! Assistant Editor Danny Khazem here again to thank you for joining us on this ride through the mayhem that was **KING IN BLACK!**

When darkness fell over New York City, the Marvel Universe came out in full force, and that included just about every hero, villain and comics creator you could imagine. The whole **KING IN BLACK** team is beyond thrilled at just how many series and characters participated in this story, and we hope you readers out there in **Mighty Marvel**dom are too! From the suborbital **S.W.O.R.D.** to the depths of the seven seas in **KING IN BLACK: NAMOR** and everywhere in between, you'd be hard-pressed to find a corner of the Marvel Universe that Knull didn't reach, and trust me when I say that his influence will continue to be felt for **YEARS** to come!

"But, Danny!" you say, "we don't need a recap—we've already read the issue! We want to hear from other fans like us!"

YOU GOT IT—let's get to the letters!

Hey, guys!

I really enjoyed the Hobie Brown story in this issue of **PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES**, and I hope that it leads to something more, like a mini or solo. Him becoming the new **Hornet** is a stroke of genius. Thorne's story and Bazaldua's art are a perfect combination, and there needs to be a title for this team to work on in the

future. I like the part where Hobie says he's been hacking Starkphones since he was a kid. It really speaks to Hobie's genius. Maybe Tony needs to hire him. Good work, and I hope to see more of Hobie and this creative team again.

Ty H.



Hi, Knull's Clubhouse and crew,

After this series is over, I would like to request the return of the Slingers—**Hornet**, **Ricochet**, **Prodigy** and **Dusk**. Back in the day, I enjoyed seeing the team in action, fighting with **Spider-Man**. I didn't like the separation of the Slingers at all or **Hornet** being killed in the **Enemy of the State** storyline. The Slingers are great fighters with unknown potential.

I enjoyed **KING IN BLACK: PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES**. It is so awesome. I really like super heroes and villains from the '80s and '90s. Those were the best days of Marvel Comics.

Darren Washington

Thanks for the kind words, Ty and Darren! All the creators on **PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES** were brimming with passion for their stories and characters, and **Geoffrey**, **Jan** and **Rachelle** were no exception! **Geoffrey Thorne** will tell you he's the biggest **Hobie Brown** fan in the world, and I believe him!

Also, Devin and I are big fans of the Slingers ourselves here in **Venom-**

Ville too, so y'all are barking up the right tree!

BUT DON'T STOP READING NOW! If you haven't checked them out yet, **KING IN BLACK: PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES #3** and **VENOM #34** are both out on shelves right now!

On the same day?!

ARE WE MAD?!

No, well, maybe, **BUT!**

We wanted to give you, the beautiful readership, the biggest bang of a finale we could! And that meant giving you a one-two-three knockout in one day with these issues!

And if you—like those fine folks above who wrote us—enjoyed these stories and want to see more from these characters and creators, let us know! Send us one of those electronic mails at: spideyoffice@marvel.com, and if we end up being crushed by the sheer weight of digital mail with requests for more, you just might get what you're looking for! Be sure to mark your letters "OKAY TO PRINT" so we know it's okay to include 'em in this column!

We hope you enjoyed the madness that we put our heroes through, **True Believers**. There's always more to come!

STAY TUNED!

—DK

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